

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested in view of the above amendment below.

Claims 1-12 and 15 have been allowed and Claim 13 has been rejected as unpatentable over Aoike (6,195,263) in view of Zifcak et al (4,793,814) under 35 USC 103. Claim 14 has been rejected over Aoike in view of Sasaki (5,329,422).

The rejection of Claim 13 is traversed with respect to the indication of the showing of Zifcak concerning the obviousness of including or substituting a silicone support board for one of the modules of the Aoike reference. Additionally Claim 13 has been amended to recite a plurality of connectors provided along one side of a printed circuit board which has a control circuit made up of a plurality of modules placed on the control circuit to perform preset functions and at least one of the modules on the circuit board has a silicon-made supporting board soldered to the printed circuit board. The specification clearly indicates that the silicone board not only can make pattern lines thinner but also is able to have power-related electronic parts positioned on the board. (page 13, lines 18-20).

The newly cited Zifcak reference '814 has a connector arrangement for providing electrical interconnection between corresponding contact pads of opposed circuit boards including and electrically non-conductive supporting member made of resilient elastomeric material (urethane, silicone or natural rubber) positioned between the circuit boards with a conductive interconnect

element placed in the supporting member to engage the respective contact pads, A clamp holds the circuit boards together and the supporting member is compressible (resilient elastomeric material) in order to force the boards together with the clamp.

Therefore even if Aoike and Zifcak are, for purposes of argument, combined, there is no teaching or suggestion of the claimed invention defined by amended independent Claim 13.

With respect to the rejection of Claim 14, applicants have amended claim 14 to be dependant from allowed independent claim 8.

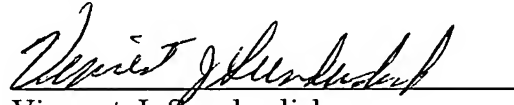
Accordingly applicants respectfully request that this application be allowed and be passed to issue in light of the indication of allowance of Claims 1-12 and 15 as well as the defining subject matter of amended Claims 13 and 14, as discussed above.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056208.52612US).

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Respectfully submitted,

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